

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2019**

SIGN IN

**TIM ELLIOTT
PAUL JACKSTADT
BRAD EAVENSON
WALMER SCHMIDTKE
ED HAGNAUER**

**ANDY MATHES
DAN MCDOWELL
GERALD WILLIAMS
JUDY WHITAKER
BRIAN KONZEN**

Alderman Elliott called the Economic Development Committee Meeting to order.

Elliott stated that first, we will have an Ordinance to Declare Six Vehicles used by the Waste Water Treatment Plant as surplus and to authorize disposal as scrap that is up for approval tonight.

MOTION By Jackstadt, second by McDowell to approve an Ordinance to Declare Six Vehicles used by the Waste Water Treatment Plant as surplus and to authorize disposal as scrap. ALL VOTED YES. Motion Carried.

Elliott stated that next is an Ordinance Annexing the Territory Commonly known as 2320 Dwight Drive to the City of Granite City, Illinois that we also need approved tonight.

MOTION By Elliott, second by Jackstadt to approve an Ordinance Annexing the Territory Commonly known as 2320 Dwight Drive to the City of Granite City, Illinois. ALL VOTED YES. Motion Carried.

Elliott turned the meeting over to Ms. Gwen Keen.

Keen stated that she grew up in Granite City and works for Quick Trip. We have two location in Granite City. Quick Trip is the best of the best from the industry. Revenue and Volume are our concerns; with new Illinois Taxes just past our Revenue was down 15% in one month before that we were up 7%. We pay our employees \$10.00 also; we have good benefits for them. We only have a 10% or less turnover rate. King stated we are pursuing Video Gaming in all of our Illinois Stores. Bethalto has Video Gaming; Godfrey is going for a vote their soon; we are approaching Edwardsville. Again, Quick Trip is a brand of Excellence; we will not do anything half hazard. The gaming room will be at the ends of the building; no one over twenty one will be allowed to go into the room; you will have to scan a valid ID for the door to open; we have developed a high definition security system and corporate can monitor footage any time. We have in store and out store monitoring as well as monitoring in the gaming room. Per the state of Illinois, we would have to purchase a special license; with this license, we would be able to sell beer; the individual would come to the register and only be able to purchase with a POS Key; Beer would be sold premium price \$10-\$15 per bottle;

Employee would get the beer from a special cooler and the deliver it to the gaming room; a limit of one beer per manager and there are only three manager shifts per day; customer are not allowed to leave the gaming room with an open container.

King stated this is what we are proposing; the room would be at end of store and you not even know it was not there if you did not go to the restroom.

King turn meeting over to Rob and Dominick of the Curorw Group Gaming of Illinois.

Rob stated President of Curorw Group we are a national company; Illinois is our major market; pressure is on retailers due to the new taxes in Illinois; it will generate money for State, City, Curorw and Quip Trip; estimate for City revenue in the next eighteen months is around \$52,000.00; we have done our research; Gaming adds to store purchases; 99% of people pulled stated that they did not find Video Gaming a distraction. Gaming would follow the laws of the City.

King stated we are Ada regulated we are currently Gold standards.

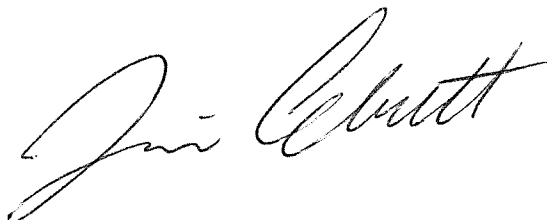
More discussion by the Council, King and Curorw Representative.

Alderman Elliott stated that we need to bring Video Gaming at quick trip back to committee and revisit this.

Motion by McDowell, second by Williams to adjourn the Economic Development Committee Meeting. ALL VOTED YES. Motion Carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Attest
Judy Whitaker
City Clerk



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